

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 143: DENTAL PROFESSIONS

§18327. SUBCOMMITTEE ON DENTAL HYGIENISTS

The Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists, referred to in this section as "the subcommittee," is established. [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

1. Membership. The subcommittee consists of 5 members as follows:

A. A dental hygienist who is a member of the board; [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

B. Two dental hygienists, appointed by the Governor, who are legal residents of the State and have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment; and [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

C. Two dentists who are members of the board, appointed by the chair of the board. [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

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2. Terms. Each of the 3 members of the subcommittee who also are members of the board shall serve on the subcommittee for the duration of that member's term on the board. The term of a member of the subcommittee who is not a member of the board is 5 years.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

3. Duties. The subcommittee shall:

A. Perform an initial review of all complaints involving dental hygienists and dental hygienists with additional authority pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2. Upon completion of its review of a complaint, the secretary of the subcommittee shall report to the board the subcommittee's recommended disposition of the complaint. The board shall adopt the subcommittee's recommended disposition of a complaint unless no fewer than 2/3 of the board members who are present and voting vote to reject that recommended disposition; and [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

B. Perform an initial review of all applications for licensure as a dental hygienist or a dental hygienist with additional authority pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2 and all submissions relating to continuing education of dental hygienists. Upon completion of its review of an application or submission, the secretary of the subcommittee shall report to the board the subcommittee's recommended disposition of the application or submission, including issuance, renewal, denial or nonrenewal of a dental hygienist license. The board shall adopt the subcommittee's recommended disposition of an application or submission unless no fewer than 2/3 of the board members who are present and voting vote to reject that recommended disposition. [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

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4. Quorum; chair; secretary. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a majority of the members serving on the subcommittee constitutes a quorum. The subcommittee shall annually elect its chair and secretary.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).

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